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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON CPSU CONGRESS

DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR POZHIDAEV ON OUTCOME OF CPSU CONGRESS, HE SAID THAT MINOR RESHUFFLING AT TOP LEVELS DID NOT MEAN THAT NO CHANGES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. FOR INSTANCE, KOSYGIN WAS TIRED AND ILL, MAINLY FROM DIABETES, AND HAD REQUESTED SEVERAL TIMES TO BE ALLOWED TO RETIRE. HOWEVER, HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO STAY ON BECAUSE REGIME WANTED TO BE SURE THAT HIS DEPARTURE WOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A POLITICAL EVENT. ANY SHIFT DURING CONGRESS COULD NOT HAVE AVOIDED SUCH CONNOTATION, BUT LATER ON, HIS RETIREMENT COULD APPEAR ROUTINE. AS FOR POLYANSKY, THOUGH HE HAD ONLY THE TITLE OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTER, HE HAD IN FACT, AS MEMBER OF POLITBURO, HAD GENERAL SUPERVISION OF ALL MINISTRIES DIRECTLY AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT. CERTAINLY THE BAD HARVESTS AMID EVIDENCE OF POOR ORGANIZATION IN HIS DOMAIN HAD MADE HIM VULNERABLE TO CRITICS. HOWEVER, POZHIDAEV BELIEVED THAT INTERNAL PARTY POLITICS AMONG THE LEADERS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN MORE OF A CAUSE FOR POLYANSKY'S DECLINE THAN THE POOR CROPS. MARK

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